

Magic Stone (Part 2) by Ashkan Shajari

Vocab	Meaning
Beam	A line of light
State	The physical or mental condition
Awe	A feeling of great respect and liking
High-tech	High technology
Magnificent	Very beautiful and impressive
Programmed	A set of instructions that's given to use in a particular way
Society	People in general groups
I make my way	To go slowly
Public	For anyone OPP private
Assistant	Someone who helps someone else in their work
Incredible	Unbelievable
Century	100 Years
Current	Present, existing now
Profoundly	Deeply, having strong effect

I hold the magic stone in my hands and close my eyes. Beams of light are shining from a point. But, I do not know where they are coming from. This is a special state that I have never experienced. I can not explain my feelings because I am filled with awe and wonder.

– Where am I? A city? Yeah. I always wanted to be in the future. How wonderful is a high-tech city. Oh look at these flying cars. It's a magnificent view. People are doing everything by their phones. Social media apps are flying out of their phones. How easy and fast everything is happening. It looks like a programmed society. By the way what time is it? I need to know the time.

– Me: Excuse me can you tell me what year it is?

– Woman: I'm sorry. I gotta go.

– Me: Excuse me can you...?

– Man: I don't have time for this right now.

– Me: What's wrong? Nobody's helping me. Maybe I can find it in another way.

However, I make my way to a public restroom.

– Me: Whose phone is this?! Is there anybody? Here is a phone. Nobody?

– Me: Hi there.

– Phone: How can I help you?

– Me: Wow, you just came out of the phone. Who are you?

– Phone: I am a phone assistant.

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Common	Same, similar
Unity	When people or countries join together
Artificial	Not real, not made from natural things
Intelligence	The ability to learn, understand, and think
To Give birth to	To produce something or someone
Consciousness	The condition of being awake and able to understand
Spawn	To make a series of things start or exist
Solar	Relating to the sun
Survive	To continue to live
Drug	An illegal substance such as: cocaine
Pornography	Sexual movies, magazines etc.
Individual	Not together
Field	An area of land in the country, like: farm
Combine	When you combine two things, they begin to work together
Fusion	A combination of separate things
computer-generated	Created by computer
Unkown	Not known about
Accept	To agree something that someone asks you
Dive in	To start doing something excitingly

– Me: Incredible, first of all. What year is it?

– Phone: It's 2120.

– Me: Really?!

– Phone: Is it really hard to believe?

– Me: Yeah. Cause I came from the 20th century. I did a time travel. I know nothing about the current world.

– Phone: The world has changed profoundly. There is one common unity in the whole world. Everybody's using international time. We're glad that we gave birth to AI.

– Me: AI? You mean Artificial Intelligence?

– Phone: A singular consciousness that spawned the race of machines. At the 20th century the world was dependent on solar power. But, now the world depends on machines to survive.

– Me: How's that possible?! What about people? Families?

– Phone: There is no family. It is a new reality taking place all around the world. People are taking drugs, having parties, making modern pornography. Many of them enjoy loneliness.

– Me: It can be very painful. Living individually. So, how people are born?

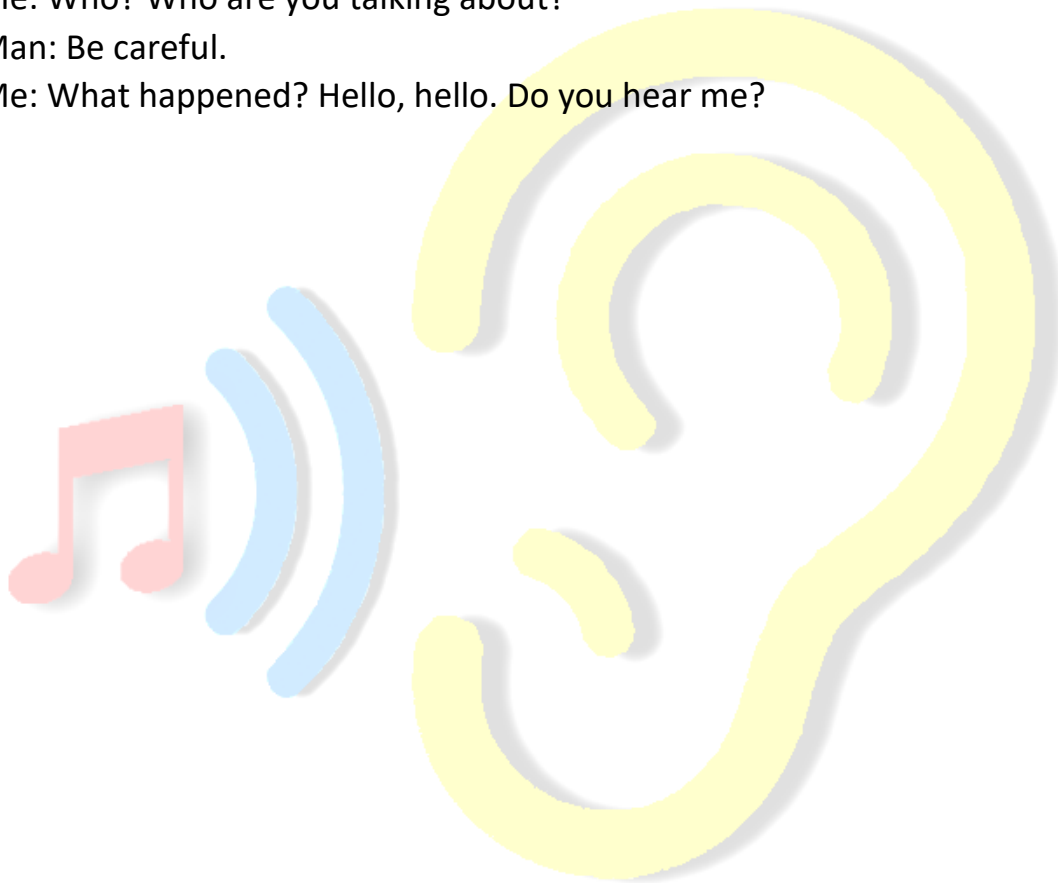
– Phone: Human beings are no longer born. They are grown.

– Me: I don't believe it. Don't lie to me.

– Phone: Watch this video. There are endless fields. The machines produce all the energy that a human needs, Combined with a form of fusion to give birth to a human. This is a computer-generated dream world to keep people under control.

– Phone: You have a phone call from an unkown person. Do you accept or reject?

- Me: An unknown person?! Yes I wanna answer.
- Man: They don't lie. Do you hear me?
- Me: Who are you? What are you talking about?
- Man: Just dive in and you'll understand what I'm talking about. Be careful man. There is no way back.
- Me: What do you mean? This is not my cellphone.
- Man: They won't leave you anymore. They'll come in to your dreams. Waking you up in the night.
- Me: Who? Who are you talking about?
- Man: Be careful.
- Me: What happened? Hello, hello. Do you hear me?



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